

8 (twice amended). A soluble protein having the characteristics of TBP-I, which protein is secreted into the medium of eukaryotic cells transfected with a cDNA encoding the whole type I human TNF receptor [or a soluble domain thereof], with the proviso that said protein is not TBP-I.

Insert new claim 10 as follows:

10. A method for the production of a soluble recombinant protein having the characteristics of Human Tumor Necrosis Factor Binding Protein I (TBP-I), which comprises:

(i) transfecting cells with an expression vector comprising a DNA molecule encoding a soluble protein having the characteristics of TBP-I;

(ii) culturing the transfected cells, whereby the desired protein is produced and secreted into the medium; and

(iii) recovering the desired protein from the medium.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8-10 presently appear in this case. No claims have been allowed. The official action of March 24, 1993, and the references relied upon therein have now been carefully studied. Reconsideration and allowance are hereby respectfully urged.